

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT THE CAPITAL

Billy Sunday Tabernacle and Soldiers' Home Infested by Papal-Irish

On the morning of St. Patrick's Day the Papal-Irish gathered in St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church at Tenth and G streets, Washington, D. C., to do political stunts under the pretense of "solemn high mass." In the papal church where federal officials and politicians have become so well accustomed to exploit the vatican autocracy was a moderate-sized assembly of typical Roman Catholics whose faces bore distinct outlines of the map of "ould Ireland" which the pope sold to the British crown nearly eight hundred years ago.

Right Reverend Monsignor Giovanni Bonzano, papal delegate to the United States, was present, but His Eminence, Monsignor James Cardinal Gibbons, was absent, probably nurturing Irish political ambitions elsewhere. Friar John McNamara was the chief speaker at St. Patrick's. He pictured in characteristic papal-Irish style the imaginary slavery of Ireland as an integral part of the British Empire with right to full representation in parliament on precisely the same terms with England, Scotland and Wales.

But complete political liberty and enfranchisement afford no satisfaction to these papal-Irish so long as their Protestant neighbors in Ulster enjoy the same rights as themselves and are permitted to enjoy religious liberty. The Sinn Fein Irish demand that those Orangemen of Ulster be forced under the papal yoke and compelled to give tithe of their incomes for support of the Church of Rome. Unless given license thus to hang on their Protestant neighbors the yoke that Mexico and South America and Spain and Austria Hungary have endured so long, the papal-Irish bewail their own lot as one of slavery to the government of which they are a part and under which they enjoy every right and every liberty accorded to any one else.

But in the evening the Irish at the national capital resumed their noisy political propaganda in Liberty Hut, as the Billy Sunday tabernacle is now called, and in the United States Soldiers' Home. The hut was something like half filled. Former Senator Bailey of Texas and others delivered speeches. The gang rent the air with yells when a resolution was read calling for Irish independence and demanding that our delegates to the peace conference urge that cause upon the nations assembled to make peace with the Teutonic and Turkish governments.

With all its wild orgy, however, this assembly fell short of declaring war on the British government, thus leaving the record on that score to the papal hordes that gathered in Philadelphia last month. Nevertheless, the Liberty Hut crowd was scarcely inferior in noise to some of the Irish gatherings which the police have been obliged to disperse in New York from time to time during the past months.

The performance in the Soldiers' Home attempted to outdo the beautiful and patriotic entertainment given there by the Y. M. C. A. on March 12. Among other stage appurtenances for the performance was a Roman Catholic altar which had been improvised for the occasion. The program consisted of Irish songs, moving pictures and other propaganda.

In spite of all their pernicious activity, the Irish do not as yet seem to be making any progress with their vicious assaults on the democratic government of England. The public is perfectly aware of the real facts and merits of their case so far as it may be said to have any semblance of merit. The world is now in no humor to help them hang the yoke of the most baneful existing autocracy on Ulster in lieu of the freedom that community now enjoys.

## Kaiser and Sultan Listened to Pope

Each week *The Baltimore Catholic Review*, diocesan organ of Cardinal Gibbons, publishes conspicuously a column or two of gossip, which is probably written in Baltimore but run under the headline "Rome Letter" in order to give the impression that it is dispatched from the capital of the papal empire. On March 15 the "Rome Letter" contained the following paragraph:

Last week brought two more notable instances of this, viz., M. Paul Vrau, editor of *La Croix*, the Catholic daily of Paris, to thank His Holiness for having used his influence with Germany to set him at liberty, and Professor Jakir Behar, secretary of the Israelites' Society of the Bosphorus. To Professor Jakir Behar, who came to Rome as envoy of the Israelites in the Turkish Empire, to thank the pope for his aid to Hebrews under the Crescent during the great war, the Vicar of Christ accorded a most gracious reception.

While Roman Catholic facility in manufacturing such information as the foregoing out of whole cloth is well known, it is interesting to consider the significance of the facts as stated by the Baltimore papal organ provided those statements are true. That paper declares boastfully that a Roman Catholic editor thanked the pope for securing his release from a German prison, and that a Jew likewise expressed thanks for favors to his national kinsmen which the sovereign pontiff had obtained from the sultan.

Why did the former kaiser release a French Roman Catholic editor from jail at the instance of the pope? Two good reasons are apparent. More than a million dollars of German money was delivered to Bolo Pasha wherewith to subsidize French newspapers in the interest of the kaiser. The German autocrat was doubtless glad to release the papal editor of a great Paris daily paper and send him home to write German propaganda. The second reason is equally clear. The pope and the kaiser were secret allies engaged in a common effort to subjugate the world and blot liberty from the earth. Of course the kaiser would heed the request of his faithful and valued ally.

If the pope was instrumental in persuading the sultan to sheathe the sword which had shed so much innocent Hebrew and Christian blood, there is no mystery about the performance. As an open ally or vassal of the kaiser, the sultan was also secretly at the beck and nod of the pope and must grant his every request.

## Cleaning Up Time

At this time of year good housewives make the annual drive on dirt to put it out of the house. City and village health departments continue the drive to put dirt out of town. There is a general dusting and dirt-driving all along the line which suggests another needed clean-up that has already been too long deferred.

And yet, there is nothing so very bad about dirt so long as it stays where it belongs. Someone had defined dirt as misplaced material. Soil in the field is not dirt; but soil on a shirt-front is. The field has to be soiled in order to be productive; but soiled garments are next to useless.

Dirt is a matter of misplacement; and a good clean-up is a matter of re-placement. All of which leads logically to the observation that there is a lot of dirty propaganda carried on in this country—propaganda that is dirty because it doesn't belong here.

The kaiser's agents and emissaries recently gave us some samples of the stuff. They wanted America to attack or embarrass England. Germany was at war with England; and they wanted America to war on England. America not only cleaned out that dirty propaganda but drove out the misplaced propagandists.

And now the agents and emissaries of another monarch, the pope of Rome and Ireland, are mouthing about on the same mission. They too want America to affront or embarrass or attack England because Pope Benedict's Irish subjects are in rebellion against their legally constituted government.

What is to be done with this dirty propaganda and its misplaced propagators? The least that can be expected is to clean out the propaganda; and, if its propagators interfere, clean them out with the other dirt. Send both back to where they belong.

They are both about as useful and healthful here as germ-laden dust under a parlor rug.

## Politics and the St. Louis Public Schools

When St. Louis voters go to the polls on April 1 to elect four members of the Board of Education they will have the questionable privilege of either voting for four papists or for one Protestant and three papists. That is the way the St. Louis school election was taken "out of politics" by the astute Chamber of Commerce and conventions of the two leading political parties.

But there is another choice left to Protestants and patriots, and one which they would do well to make—they can vote for the one Protestant who has made good as an educational official, and they can refrain from voting for any of the "non-partisan" papists who have been foisted upon their ballot by some of the slickest chicanery ever practiced by Jesuit tricksters on a confiding community.

The story is too long and complicated to be repeated here. Suffice it to say that friends of the public school wanted to be rid of the seven board members who have been doing all in their power to graft on the St. Louis schools; and who, when foiled by Supt. Withers, have been doing all they can to embarrass him and obstruct the schools under his administration. Richard Murphy, a Knight of Columbus, is the leader of that gang; and the facts are so well-known as to arouse popular indignation.

Then came the grand-stand play of the Chamber of Commerce with its recommendations, the farcical conventions of the two parties held on the same day, their disagreeable as well as disagreeing agreement on candidates, and the result as follows:

Republican Ticket—	Democratic Ticket—
Murphy	Cullinan
Tobin	Tobin
McDonald	McDonald
Wolfner	Wolfner

The Democrats appropriately held their convention in the Knights of Columbus Hall, nominating three papists, Cullinan, Tobin, and McDonald. They were then generous enough to nominate Henry L. Wolfner, friend of public education, because of the plan reserved to defeat him. Of this, more anon.

The Republicans also nominated three papists, the same Tobin, the same McDonald, and the notorious Murphy whose defeat was publicly demanded and needed above all else. This places four papist candidates on the ballot; and it is a foregone conclusion that every Roman Catholic in St. Louis will vote for them. The effect is to give papists a full quota of Board members to vote for leaving Wolfner high and dry without hope of a papist vote. The real alignment will be as follows:

Papist Ticket—	Public School Ticket—
Murphy	Wolfner
Cullinan	
Tobin	
McDonald	

Now, note the effect of this crafty frame-up. With five candidates all told to vote for, and four places to be filled, the four candidates receiving the leading vote will be elected. The one candidate who receives the smallest vote will be defeated.

If voters, who believe in the public school, and in Mr. Wolfner as the friend and competent candidate for director, will but vote for him and *him alone*, he will assuredly be elected which is the most that patriots can hope for; but, if they vote for Wolfner and for any one or two or three papist candidates, those votes for papists will only help to defeat Wolfner.

The only way to beat the rascals is to refrain from voting for any papist at any time at any place under any circumstances. But a vote for any one or more of the four papists at this St. Louis election counts against Wolfner, the desirable candidate, even though you vote for him also. The general rule of safety is to scratch every papist; but there is a particular reason for doing it in this case.

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## "IRELAND MUST BE ALL BRITISH OR ALL ROMAN"

Priest's Declaration at Aberdeen, S. D., States the Issue As it Stands Between Rome and England and Between Rome and the Whole World—Nothing Said About Making Ireland All Irish.

Aberdeen, S. D., March 20.—"Ireland either must be all British or all Roman. As for myself, I prefer to see her all Roman." This statement was made by the Rev. Father M. J. Dermody, rector of Sacred Heart Catholic church in Aberdeen, as he made an address on Ireland at a public meeting at the auditorium of the Sacred Heart parochial school at which time an Irish play was presented to a large audience.

Father Dermody had recently returned from a meeting of Irish sympathizers at Philadelphia, and he made an eloquent half hour address in behalf of the island, in which he insisted that Ireland was entitled to the right of self determination guaranteed by President Wilson's 14 points. Father Dermody eulogized Sir Roger Casement as a martyr to Irish freedom, and told his audience they could not depend upon their daily papers for correct information in regard to the progress of events in Ireland, because all the daily papers were under British control and printed only what Great Britain wanted the American people to know.

By some inadvertent impulse to tell the truth, or by some unaccountable slip of the lip, Priest Dermody states the real issue between the pope's Irish and the British government.

He does not say that Ireland must be all British or all Irish; he says that Ireland must be all British or all Roman. It is the precise equivalent of saying that home rule for Ireland means Rome rule for Ireland.

And that is exactly what the present Irish rebellion, like other Irish rebellions, is intended to bring about. The truth about Ireland is a very simple matter when so simply and straightforwardly told.

Why Dermody is so frankly outspoken when all other priests of his cult are hiding their real purpose, must remain something of a mystery for the present. He may think that the rebellion is so near success that further pretense is unnecessary. He may have come back from that Philadelphia meeting so inflated with Hibernian oratory as to confidently throw aside the hypocrisy and lies prompted by expediency and peddled heretofore to gull the gullible.

However that may be, he, like every other Roman Catholic priest who says anything about it, prefers to see Ireland all Roman. If he didn't feel and talk that way about it he couldn't very well hold his profitable priestly job as an agent of the pope.

We careless and indifferent Americans may not care very much whether Ireland is all British, all Roman, or all anything. We used to care as little about what the Prussian kaiser pulled off in Germany; but we found out one day that an autocrat on land may also play pirate on the sea—that power in wrong hands is a danger to all.

What we ought to know, and think about, and prepare against, is the fact that Romanizing Ireland is but a new beginning of Romanizing the earth. The process begins in Ireland for the simple reason that the papist population of that island makes it more feasible there than elsewhere.

It was revived in war time with the hope that Pope Benedict's fellow monarch, the kaiser, would win the war; England would be humiliated and shorn of power; and the two autocrats would effect a mutually satisfactory division of western Europe.

Plans were badly disarranged when kaiserism collapsed; but it had all gone too far to abandon the campaign. War had failed to detach Ireland, so Jesuit diplomacy and cunning set about to realize the same end by means of the peace to be made. Reconstruction offered another opportunity, and Rome is making all its emissaries can get out of the situation.

America cannot ignore the pope with any more safety than it ignored the kaiser. Papal propaganda is just as disturbing here as Prussian Kultur. This is especially true when papists try to stir this country up to enmity with England which is practically our ally in a war yet unfinished.

What are you going to say, Mr. American, when the Roman Catholic population becomes great enough in the state of Missouri for some priest to declare, "Missouri must be all American or all Roman?"

Maybe when that not impossible thing happens you will care as

much about it as the Protestant Ulsterman of Ireland now care.

We yankees have a wonderful way of side-stepping trouble and responsibilities until they grow too big to get around: We temporized with chattel slavery until it nearly wrecked the union; and the nuisance was abated only by the shedding of blood. Wouldn't it be better to shed a little of our laziness, a little of our smug lethargy now?

Sir Roger Casement was indeed a martyr—a martyr to the cause of popery; and that is why he is now a hero to papists. He did as he could to put Ireland in military touch with Germany so both might crush the object of their common hatred.

Their community of purpose is apparent in the very songs sung by Irish rebels. One of these is a re-creation of the notorious German Hymn of Hate—a made-over copy of the song that psychologized innocent German peasants and drove them to death by thousands. Here is the Irish version as recently printed in the *London Globe*:

God of Mercy, watching  
O'er the Irish race,  
Save our nation's honor,  
Keep us from disgrace,  
Let thy powerful arm,  
Right overthrowing might,  
Lead the German armies,  
In this glorious fight.

God of Justice hearken  
To our fervent prayer,  
Strike accursed England,  
Bathe her deep in tears,  
Wither all her children,  
Blight her fancied fame,  
Expunge Hell's vomit,  
God of Justice, hear.

God of Goodness, watching  
O'er our country's weal,  
Drive all British soldiers  
Purast Essen steel.  
Smite those British bulldogs,  
Make the cowards yell,  
Send them, God of Vengeance,  
To their place in hell.

Priest Dermody's declaration that all the American daily newspapers are under British control, and that they do not therefore print the truth about Ireland, has a most remarkably familiar ring. We used to hear the kaiser's emissaries telling how Americans never read the truth about Germany because American newspapers were controlled by the British. It seems that the whole German propaganda has been worked over for papal use in connection with Irish secession.

The fact is that England has temporized with the papacy just as America temporized with chattel slavery; and the thing has grown strong enough to menace and threaten that nation. It was during England's time of stress that the viper, nourished in the national bosom, drove its fangs into its protector with results not yet determined.

How long will it take the nations of earth to learn the true nature of this thing which calls itself religious but is always and everywhere plotting for political power and financial gain? Can't they be brought out of this sleep-like sickness without periodical resort to war and all its horrors?

Awakening the sleepers seems at times to be a hopeless task; but it is an abiding faith in the common sense of humankind that keeps patriots busy sounding the alarm. Some day, somehow, somewhere the needed thing will happen; and this indifference will be dissipated before the bright light of aroused consciousness.

Kaiserism reached its climax with the resounding clash of arms. Let us hope that popery will stand revealed and discredited before its Irish dupes make targets of themselves and precipitate another slaughter of human beings.

The world's wars are essentially clashes of wit and tests of mental efficiency. If that test reaches the limit of resort to arms, both sides lose; but if the stronger wit becomes active in time, the victory of right is just as effective and none the less renowned.

Ulstermen will never submit to the separation from England which means their subjection to popery; and England cannot give Ulster over to such a fate without incurring infamy unthinkable. The result is that England and Ireland will fight just as surely as

Prussianism and democracy fought unless popery recedes from its avowed purpose to completely Romanize Ireland.

Now, what are we going to do with this aggressive power in America? Are we going to sleep on our rights until popery can stir up the same thing here that it has in Ireland? That is the question for Americans to consider calmly, but to decide heroically if necessary.

## THE SAME OLD STORY

Girl Injured in Attempting Escape from the So-called House of the Good Shepherd

From the Dayton (O.) *Morning Journal*, March 22, 1919.

Miss Verona Kouthman of this city, who for the past six years has been an inmate of the Convent of the Good Shepherd, Warsaw and Grand avenues, Cincinnati, Thursday night suffered a fractured ankle in an attempt to escape from the place, according to advices from Cincinnati.

It is claimed that Miss Kouthman, along with Bessie Taylor and Mary Weber, tried to gain their liberty from the convent by sliding down a rope, made of blankets, from the third story of the building. The other girls gained the ground successfully, but Miss Kouthman is said to have become nervous, and when part way down the rope let go and fell to the ground, breaking her ankle. Miss Kouthman, who was quickly recaptured, was taken to the Cincinnati General hospital, while the others are reported to be still at liberty.

## Popery In Poland

Vienna (By Courier to Bern, Switzerland), Jan. 14.—Sixteen archbishops, nine bishops of the dioceses and eight suffragan bishops of the Catholic church of Poland have issued a general appeal to the people that no unreligious new Polish state shall be formed without the Catholic faith as the state religion.

In an open letter spread broadcast in pamphlets and in newspapers and read in the pulpits, they warn the people not to vote for candidates to seats in the constitutional congress at the election, January 26, who seek to limit the rights of the church, to keep religion out of government life or to oppose Catholicism as the state religion or religious school, and not to vote for men who are Socialists.

This is a typical specimen of what the clerical aristocracy of Rome is trying to effect in the reconstruction of every European country. The pope's bishops and archbishops want Poland detached from other countries, but tied to Rome.

Even now they are circularizing the Polish people in an effort to influence their vote. There, as here and everywhere, they oppose separation of church and state; and there, as here and everywhere, they are trying to make the alleged church of Rome the state church so the papal system can more openly and effectively meddle in political affairs and dictate public policies.

The ultimate object, of course, is to get their hooks into the public treasury, and thereby secure funds for further conquest. They are against statesmen who would "limit the rights of the (Roman Catholic) church." They want the rights of that corporation to remain unlimited and its extent undefined.

That is all very fine for popery; but we fail to see wherein it would make that part of the world safe for democracy or any degree of liberty.

## Equal to Tetzels Drum

London, March 14.—Curio collectors had an opportunity of obtaining a famous Irish relic at auction here this week. This is the "Golden Bell" which, according to tradition, descended from Heaven and was used for obtaining information when all other means failed.

On one occasion a pair of saddle-bags with \$1,700 was stolen, and, as all inquiries were useless, the priest stated he would swear all his flock on the bell on Sunday.

On the Saturday night a man came and said: "Father, there is no occasion for the Golden Bell; here is the money, every bit of it, all safe and sound."

Cardinal Gibbons, Pope Benedict's general agent at Baltimore, again announces that he is against prohibition—in fact, he is against it.